

June 19, 1956

Prof. Alexandre Koyré
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Dear Koyré,

Here is the news for which you asked. Six weeks ago I had a heart attack from which I am recovering. The doctor says that I should be all right in about three weeks from now. The worst thing is the enforced inactivity and compulsion to devote all one's attention to despicable things. I was very sorry to hear the more alarming news about Kojève. It seems that this damned dame *fortuna* has thought it proper to knock out at the same time two-thirds of those in the present generation who still believe in Reason, the remaining third being, of course, not you but the dean of St. John's. This sharp expression of my theoretical disagreement with you does not in any way detract from my affection for you in general and from my sympathy with your ear troubles in particular. I wish you a speedy and complete recovery, a good crossing and a fruitful sojourn at Princeton. Perhaps you honor Chicago with your presence. We plan to stay this summer in our air-conditioned apartment. With kindest regards from all of us to both of you.

As ever,

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June 30, 1956

Dear Jonas,

... I was very sorry and at the same time indignant about the action of the University of Chicago Press. I have recommended three manuscripts to the Press altogether and all three were turned down. I wish power and understanding were more united than they are. But I am afraid that the efforts which sensible men would have to make in order to acquire power would detract from the most reasonable employment of their reason. So we have to go on trusting on occasional friendly gestures of *fortuna*, that loose woman.

As ever, yours,

Leo Strauss

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